

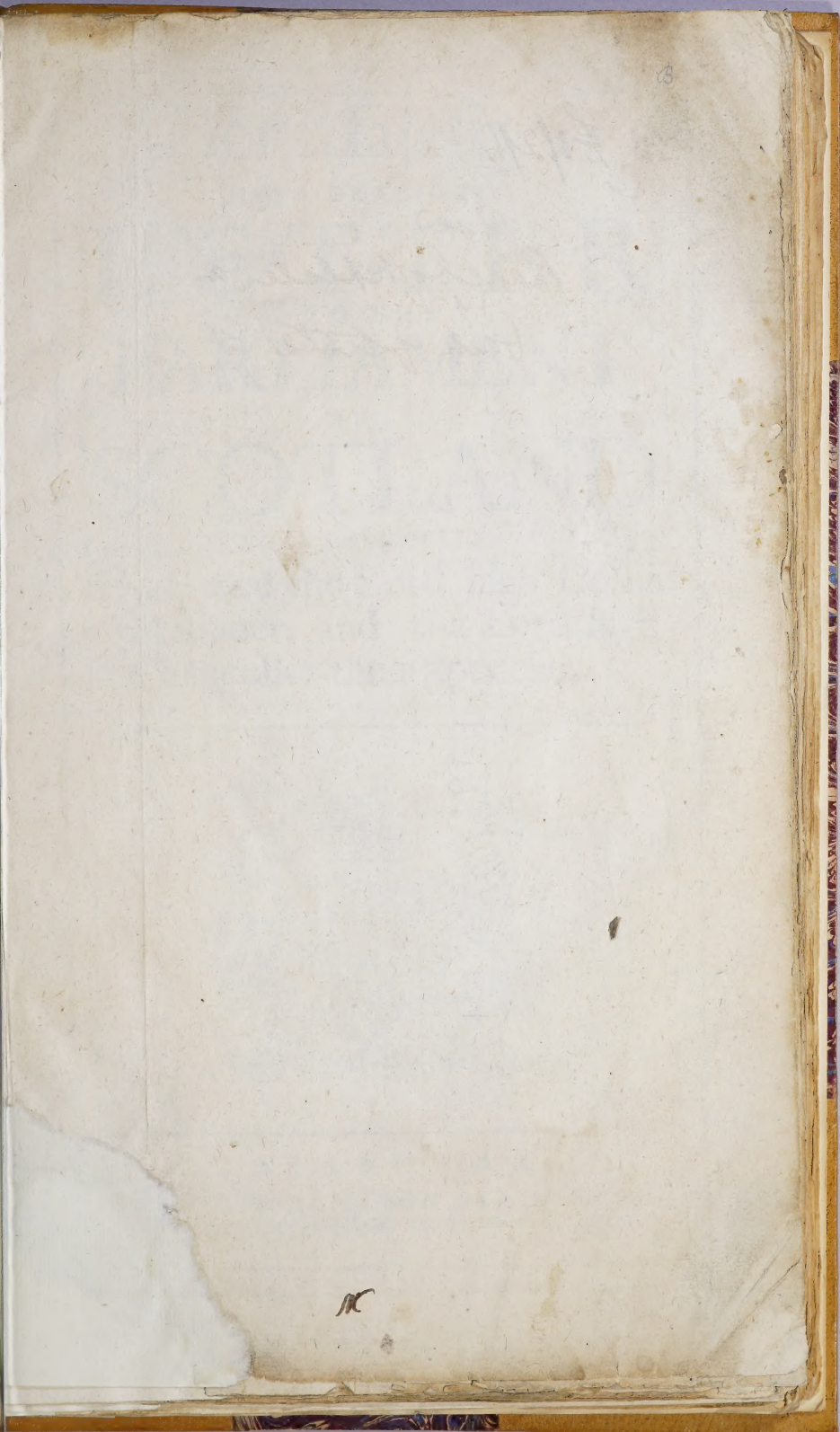




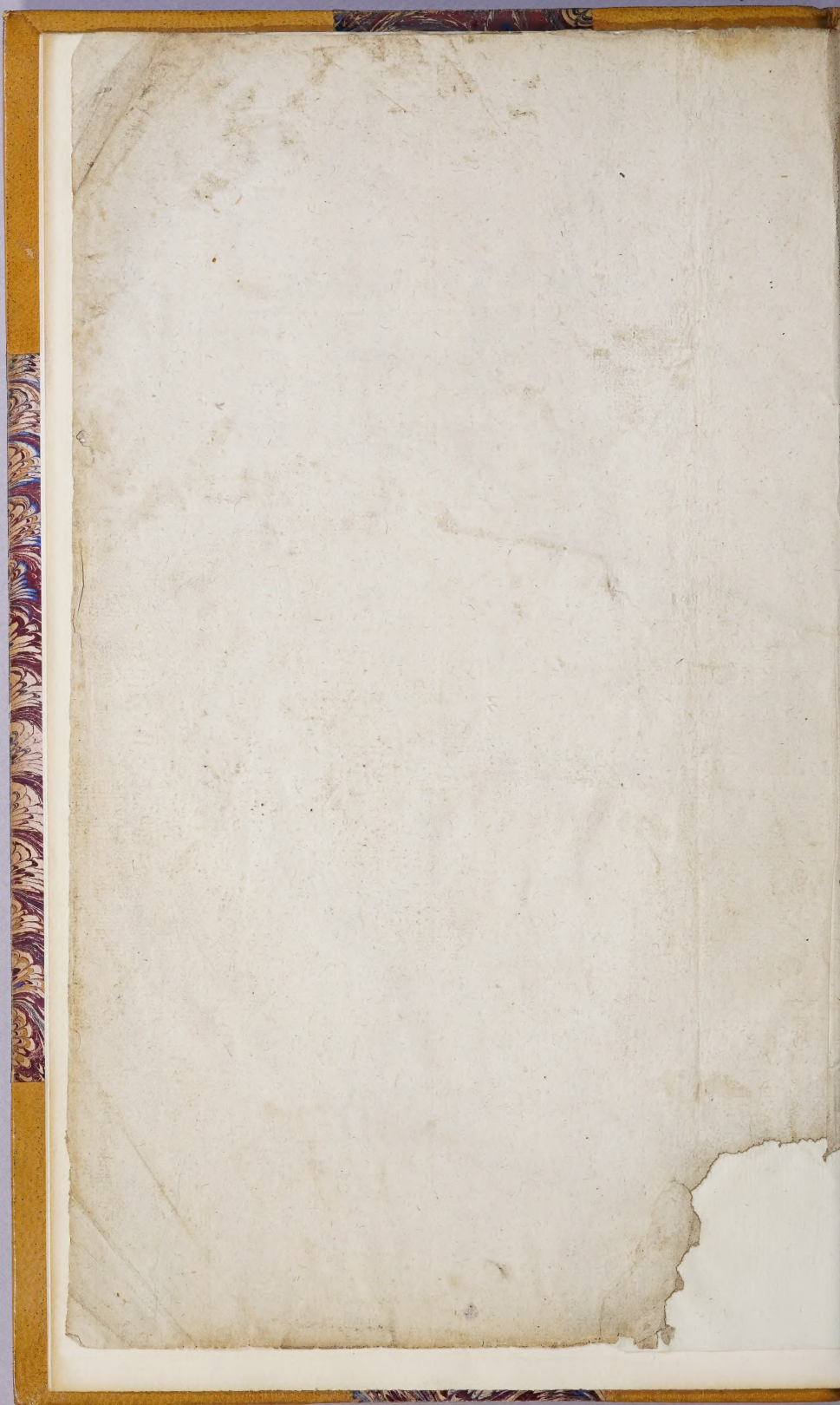


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TOGETHER WITH  
His Grace the Lord high Com-  
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# *Her Majesty's most Gracious Letter to the Parliament of Scotland.*

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*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

**S**INCE your last Meeting We did Nominat Commissioners to Treat of an Union betwix Our two Kingdoms of *Scotland* and *England*, and by their great Care and Diligence a Treaty is happily Concluded and laid before Us.

We have Called You together as soon as Our Affairs could Permit, That the Treaty may be under Your Consideration, in Pursuance of the Act made in the last Session of Our Parliament there; and We Hope the Terms will be acceptable to You.

The Union has been long Desired by both Nations, and We shall Esteem it as the greatest Glory of Our Reign to have it now Perfected, being fully Perswaded, That it must prove the greatest Happiness of Our People.

An intire and perfect Union will be the solid Foundation of lasting Peace; It will secure Your Religion, Liberty and Property, remove the Animosities amongst Your Selves, and the Jealousies and Differences betwixt Our Two Kingdoms: It must increafe Your Strength, Riches and Trade; and by this Union the whole Island being joyned in Affection and free from all Apprehension of different Interests, will be enabled to Resist all its Enemies, support the Protestant Interest every where, and maintain the Liberties of *Europe*.

We do upon this Occasion Renew the Assurances We have formerly given You, of Our Resolution to maintain the Government of the Church, as by Law Established in *Scotland*, and the Acts of both Parliaments, upon which this Treaty Proceeded, having Reserved their respective Governments of the Church in each Kingdom; the Commissioners have left that Matter Entire; and you have now an Opportunity for doing what may be necessary for Security of Your present Church Government after the Union within the Limits of *SCOTLAND*.

The Support of Our Government, and Your Own Safety does Require, That You do make necessary Provision for maintaining the Forces, Ships and Garisons until the Parliament of *GREAT-BRITAIN* shall Provide for these Ends in the United Kingdom.



We have made choice of Our Right Trustie, and Right Entirely Beloved Cousin and Counsellor, *James Duke of Queensberry*, to be our Commissioner, and Represent Our Royal Person, being well satisfied with his Firmness for that Trust, from the Experience We have of his Capacity, Zeal and Fidelity to Our Service, and the good of his Countrey; which, as it has determined Us in the Choice, We doubt not but will make him acceptable to You.

We have fully Instructed him in all things We think may fall under Your Consideration, and seems to be necessary at present: Therefore We desire that You may give entire Trust and Credit to him.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

It cannot but be an Encouragement to You to Finish the Union at this Time, That GOD Almighty has Blessed Our Arms, and those of Our Allies with so great Success, which gives Us the nearer Prospect of a happy Peace, and with it You will have the full Possession of all the Advantages of this Union; and You have no Reason to doubt but the Parliament of *England* will do what is necessary on their part, after the Readiness they have shown to remove what might obstruct the entering on the Treaty. We most earnestly Recommend to You Calmness and Unanimity in this Great and Weighty Affair, That the Union may be brought to a happy Conclusion, being the only effectual Way to secure your present and future Happiness, and to Disappoint the Designs of Our and Your Enemies, who will, doubtless, on this Occasion, use their utmost Endeavours to Prevent or Delay this Union, which must so much Contribute to Our Glory, and the Happiness of Our People; and so We bid You heartily Farewell. Given at Our Court at *Windfor-Castle* the Thirty first Day of July 1706, and of Our Reign the Fifth Year.

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*Of his Grace James Duke of Queensberry, Her Majesties High Commissioner, to the Parliament of Scotland.*

*On Thurſday the Third of October 1706.*

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

**H**ER Majesty, by Her Gracious Letter, has acquainted You, That the Treaty of Union, between the Kingdoms of *Scotland* and *England* ( pursuant to an Act made in Your last Session ) has been happily Agreed on, which is now in my Lord Registers Hands, ready to be laid before You.

The Lords Commissioners, for this Kingdom, have been Diligent and Zealous in Concerting Just and Reasonable Terms; and, it must be acknowledged, We met with a very Fair and Friendly Disposition in the Lords Commissioners on the other Part.

The Treaty has, with all Humility, been presented to the Queen, and was most Graciously Received; and tho' no Reign was ever so truly Great, for Wise and Steady Councils, and so many Important Successes, as that of Her Majesty; yet, You see, She is pleased to Esteem the Perfecting of this Union, as the greatest Glory of Her Reign, being the most solid Foundation of a lasting Security to the Protestant Religion, and the Liberties of *Europe*, and of Peace and Happiness to Her People.

These Reasons, I doubt not, will make the Treaty acceptable to You; And I perswade my self that You will Proceed with such Calmness and Impartiality, as the Weight of the Subject Requires, and as becomes so Great an Assembly.

The Lords Commissioners for both Kingdoms were Limited in the Matter of Church Government; For the Security of Presbyterian Govern-



ment in this Church, you have the Laws already made for its Establishment, the Queens Repeated Assurances to preserve it, and I am Impowered to Consent to what may be further necessary after the Union.

Her Majesty has been pleased to Recommend to You to make Provision for the Forces, Ships and Garisons, which is very necessary, the Subsidies granted at Your last Meeting being run out ; so, I doubt not, You will speedily Renew them.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

I am not insensible of the Difficulties that attend the Weighty Character, it has pleased Her Majesty to Honour me with, but with Your favourable Assistance, ( upon which I very much Rely ) I hope, by my Zeal and Fidelity for Her Majesties Service, and the Good of My Countrey, which are inseparable, to Discharge my Duty on this extraordinary occasion.



S P E E C H

OF  
James Earl of Seafield Lord High Chan-  
cellor, to the PARLIAMENT of  
SCOTLAND.

On Thursday the 3d. of October 1706.

My Lords and Gentlemen,



IT hath been, and is the great Happiness of this Nation, That the Queen Our Sovereign, hath always made it the chief Design of Her Reign, to protect her Subjects, in the Enjoyment of all their Rights and Privileges, to Promove their Good, and to Establish their Peace and Prosperity, upon sure and lasting Foundations.

For these ends Her Majesty, in Her Most Gracious Letter, doth, with great Earnestness, Recommend to You the Concluding of the Union of the Two Kingdoms, and has plainly and fully laid before you the great Advantages that this Union must bring with it to all BRITAIN, and in particular to this Kingdom.

The Lords Commissioners named by Her Majesty for this Kingdom to Treat of this Union, have endeavoured to Discharge this great Trust, with all Fidelity and have agreed to such Terms and Conditions, as, I hope, shalbe found Just, Honourable and Advantageous: The Treaty has been already Received very graciously by Her Majesty, and is now ready to be Reported to you for your Consideration.

I do not think it proper at this Time to descend into the particular Articles of the Treaty; I shall only beg leave to say in General, That it must be of great Advantage to have this whole Island Unite under one Government and Conjoynd Intirely in Interest and Affection, having Equality of all Rights and Privileges, with a free Communication and Intercoarse of Trade, which must certainly Establish Our Security, Augment Our Strength, and Increase Our Trade and Riches,

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We can never Expect a more favourable Juncture for Completing this Union, than at present, when Her Majesty has not only Recommended it, but Declared, That she will Esteem it the greatest Glory of Her Reign, to have it Perfected; And when the Parliament of *England* has shown Their Inclinations for it, by Removing all these Obstacles that did ly in the way of the Treaty: And it must also be acknowledged that the Lords Commissioners for *England* did Testify their good Disposition all along in this Affair: And the Great and Glorious Successes wherewith GOD has Blessed Her Majesties Arms, and those of Her Allies, give us the Hope of a Near and Advantageous Peace, whereby we will be put in the Possession, and attain to the full Enjoyment of all the Liberties and Privileges of Trade, now Offered by the Treaty.

The Commissioners of both Sides, have only Treated of such Things as concern the Civil Government, Liberties, Privileges, Trade, and Taxes; but found themselves Limited as to the Church-Government, that being Reserved to each Kingdom by the respective Acts of Parliament, upon which the Treaty proceeded; And you have now not only the Laws already made, with Her Majesties most Gracious Repeated Assurances, for maintaining and continuing Presbyterian Church-Government within this Kingdom; But this further Opportunity of making such Conditions and Provisions, as shall be found Necessary for its Security, after the Conclusion of this Union, within the Limits of *SCOTLAND*.

Her Majesty Recommends to You to Provide the necessary Supplies for the Troops, Garisons and Ships; The Funds formerly given are expended; And therefore I doubt not but you will easily Comply with what is so plainly necessary for the Preservation of the Publick Safety, and Preventing the Designs of Enemies now in time of War.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

Since We have now the Opportunity of Establishing for Our Selves and Our Posterity, by this Union with *England*, all that concerns Our Religion and Liberties, together with the most valuable Privileges of Trade; I am hopeful that You will Proceed to the Consideration of the Articles of the Treaty, in such manner as shall bring it to the desired Conclusion, and it cannot but tend to the lasting Honour of this Session of Parliament to have so happily finished this most important and Weighty Matter.



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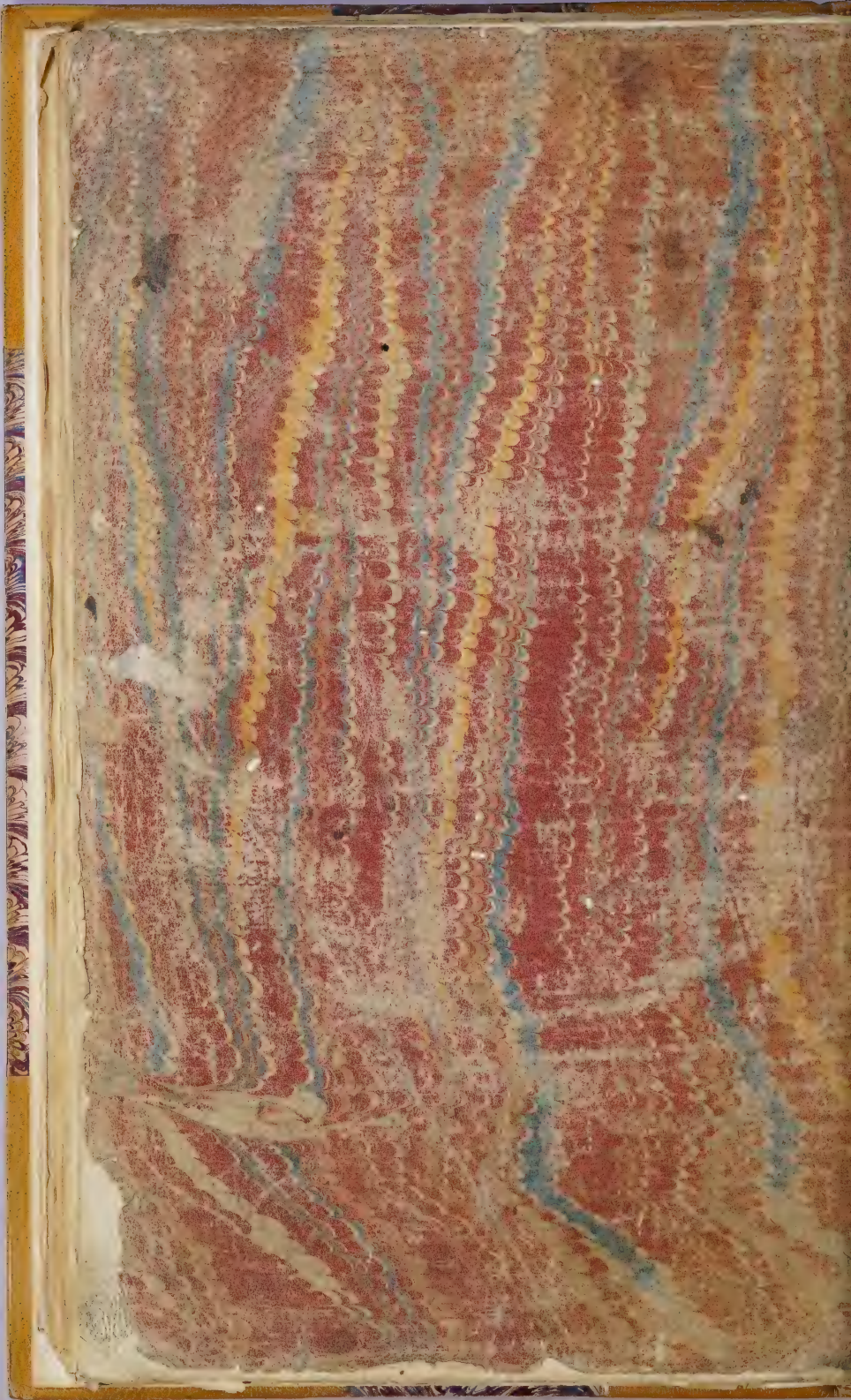
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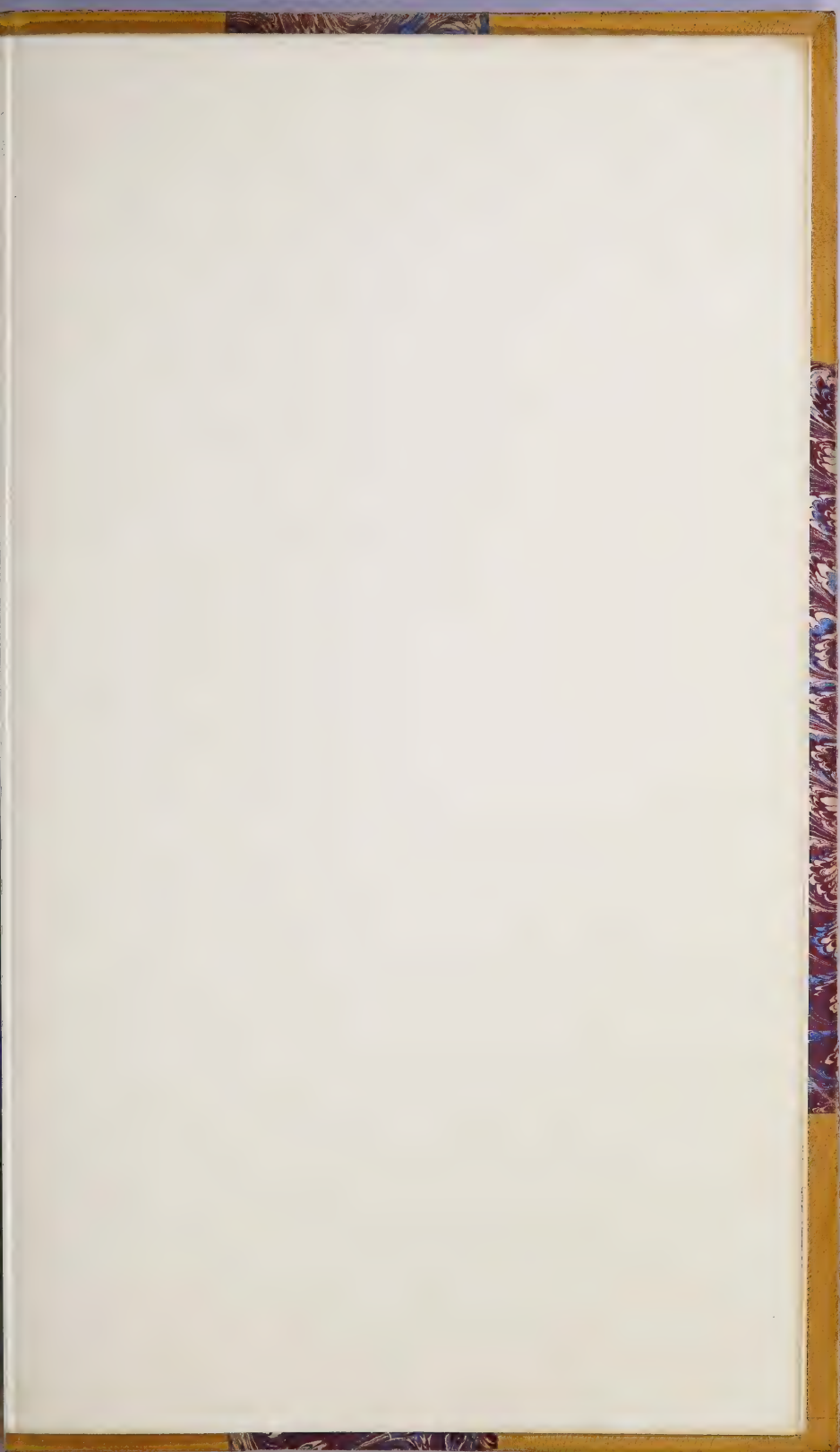
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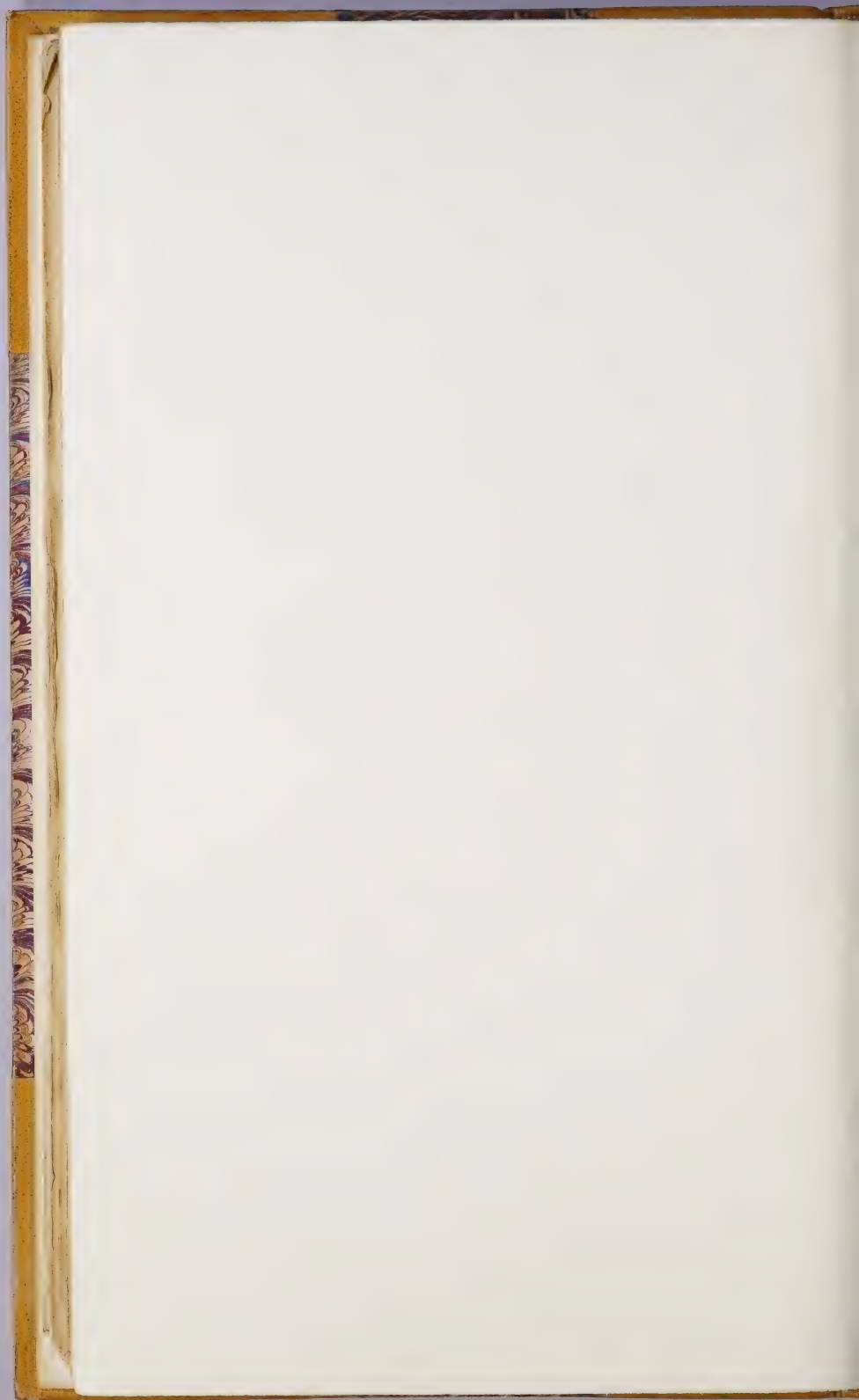


















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